

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0904

April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$500,000 for Pace Center for Girls - Curriculum, Technology and Training in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pace Center for Girls located at 6745 Philips Industrial Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

This funding will purchase a web-based learning platform, provide professional development to retain teachers and create supportive learning environments, implement an alternative certification program to attract new teachers, and purchase new technology and learning materials in classrooms. This project will help ensure 180 at-risk girls in Duval County graduate from high school, gain employment, and break multigenerational cycles of poverty and violence.

As good stewards of taxpayer funds, Pace provides free quality educational and support services for girls at-risk of dropping out of school and entering the juvenile justice system. Pace is a lower cost to taxpayers and more effective alternative by addressing the underlying needs of at-risk and underserved girls.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this project that is of significant importance to my district.

Sincerely,



John H. Rutherford
Member of Congress